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FM AMEMBASSY KHARTOUM

TO USMISSION GENEVA

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GENEVA FOR STR

E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: ETRD, MTN, SU

SUBJECT: SUDANESE MTN REQUESTS

REF: (A) GENEVA 08761 (B) GENEVA 08751 (C) STATE 140975

(D) STATE 024987

1. U.S. MTN DELEGATION IS TO BE CONGRATULATED ON LIGHTING FIRE UNDER FOREIGN TRADE OFFICIALS IN SUDANGOV. PREVIOUS EFFORTS (REF D) TO ENCOURAGE ACTIVE SUDANESE PARTICIPATION IN MTN FELL UPON DEAF EARS. BILATERAL CONSULTATIONS PER REF B HAVE STIMULATED FORMIN ECONOMIC DEPARTMENT TO CALL TOGETHER REPRESENTATIVES FROM MINISTRIES OF COMMERCE AND FINANCE AND PRINCIPAL PUBLIC CORPORATIONS INVOLVED IN COMMODITY EXPORTS. ECON DEPARTMENT DEPUTY DIRECTOR TOLD EMBOFF THAT COMMITTEE WILL INITIALLY PREPARE REQUEST FOR LONG STAPLE COTTON, BUT WILL ALSO CONSIDER GUM ARABIC AND OTHER PRINCIPAL SUDANESE COMMODITY EXPORTS. DEPUTY DIRECTOR HOPES THAT COMMITTEE CAN MAKE IMMEDIATE RECOMMENDATIONS FOR TRANSMITTAL TO GENEVA BY JUNE 20.

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2. EMBOFF INQUIRED ABOUT STATUS OF U.S. BILATERAL MTN REQUESTS WHICH WERE PRESENTED TO FOREIGN MINISTRY IN MID-MAY. DEPUTY DIRECTOR SEEMED UNAWARE OF THE SPECIFIC COMMODITY CONCESSIONS BEING REQUESTED. HAVING RETURNED TO THE FORMIN AFTER THREE YEARS IN GENEVA, HE QUICKLY REFERRED TO STANDARD LDC POSITION THAT RECIPROCAL CONCESSIONS SHOULD NOT BE

EXPECTED OF THE LEAST DEVELOPED COUNTRIES. NONETHELESS, HE  
PROMISED TO RAISE OUR REQUEST WITH THE INTER-MINISTERIAL  
COMMITTEE.

3. COMMENT: SUDANGOV FINALLY SEEMS TO BE FOCUSING ON THE MTN  
AND THE POTENTIAL BENEFITS WHICH THE NEGOTIATIONS MIGHT  
PRODUCE FOR SUDANESE EXPORTS. UNDERSTANDING OF MTN TIMETABLE  
AND NEGOTIATING FRAMEWORK IS RATHER SHALLOW HERE AND  
GOVERNMENT WILL PROBABLY DEFER TO SUDANESE GENEVA REP IN ORDER  
TO MEET JUNE 20 DEADLINE. EMBASSY WILL FOLLOW UP WITH FOREIGN  
MINISTRY FOLLOWING INTER-MINISTERIAL MEETING, ALTHOUGH WE DO  
NOT EXPECT CLEAR MARCHING ORDERS TO RESULT FROM THAT SESSION.  
U.S. BILATERAL REQUEST WILL PROBABLY REMAIN LOST IN THE SHUFFLE  
HERE IN KHARTOUM AND U.S. MTN DELEGATION SHOULD PRESS FOR  
ACTION IN GENEVA.  
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